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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following amended paragraph:

[001] Reference is made to commonly assigned copending patent application Docket No. ~~F-709~~ serial number 10/674,135 filed [herewith]September 29, 2003, entitled "Method For Postage Evidencing For The Payment Of Terminal Dues" in the names of Erik Monsen, Ian A. Siveyer, Marc Morelli, Yakup J. Igval, John C. Harmon and Ronald P. Sansone; and ~~Docket No. F-722~~ copending patent application serial number 10/674,134 filed [herewith]September 29, 2003, entitled "Method For Postage Evidencing With Cross-Border Mail Tracking Capability And Near Real Time For Terminal Dues Reconciliation" in the names of Ronald P. Sansone and Erik Monsen; and copending patent application serial number 10/674,133 filed September 29, 2003, entitled "Integrated Payment For International Business Reply Mail" in the names of Douglas B. Quine, Ronald P. Sansone, and Erik D. N. Monsen.